

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-43 are pending in the instant application. By the present amendment, claims 13 and 29-43 have been canceled, and claims 44-55 have been added. Claim 44 is the sole independent claim. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner subjected claims 1-28 to formal election requirement between the ten embodiments shown in FIGS. 3-13. The claims as pending are believed to read on the embodiments as follows: Claims 44-48 are generic; Claims 1-7, 11 and 51 read on FIG. 3 (first embodiment), Claims 1-11, 19-21 and 52-53 read on FIG. 4 (second embodiment); Claims 1-11, 19-20 and 52-54 read on FIG. 5 (third embodiment); Claims 1-7, 11 and 49-51 read on FIG. 6 (fourth embodiment); Claims 1-11, 19-21, 49-50 and 52-54 read on FIG. 7 (fifth embodiment); Claims 1-11, 19-21, 49-50 and 52-54 read on FIG. 8 (sixth embodiment); Claims 12-18 and 55 read on FIG. 9 (seventh embodiment); Claims 1-21 and 55 read on FIG. 10 (eighth embodiment); Claims 1-11 and 19-28 read on FIG. 11 (ninth embodiment); and Claims 22-25 read on FIG. 12 (tenth embodiment).

Applicants hereby elect the eighth embodiment, FIG. 10. It is respectfully submitted that claims 44-48, 1-21 and 55 read on FIG. 10. In the event a generic claim is found to be allowable, it is respectfully requested that all claims depending therefrom be rejoined.

If the Examiner believes that additional discussions or information might advance the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to expedite resolution of any outstanding issues.

Receipt of the initial Office action on the merits is awaited.

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